

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4852

C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 13397

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON MFA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMEMBASSY TOKYO CABLE 12793 SENT TO LONDON FOR MINISTER MICHAEL SMITH (STR). WE UNDERSTAND SMITH WILL BE VISITING BRUSSELS AND ONLY TRANSITING LONDON AIRPORT AND THEREFORE SUGGEST USEC BRING THIS TO SMITH'S ATTENTION.

BEGIN TEXT.

1. JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALLY ADVISES THAT ITS DELEGATION TO THE TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MFA ON SEPTEMBER 10-11 WILL BE LED BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, PROBABLY ECON COUNSELOR IKEDA, AND WILL INCLUDE TAKAHASHI AND HONOBÉ FROM MITI AND KITAJIMA /FROM MOFA GATT DIVISION. FORNMIN STATES IT HAS TAKEN ACCOUNT OF EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS URGING HIGHER LEVEL PARTICIPATION FROM TOKYO BUT UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT SPARE MIZOGUCHI OR MATSUDA BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS.

2. SECOND NO AM DIV DIRECTOR SAITO WILL JOIN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ONLY.

3. BOTH KURODA AND TAKAHASHI OF MITI HAVE STRONGLY HINTED THAT WE SHOULD NOT PLACE TOO MUCH WEIGHT ON UNAVAILABILITY OF MATSUDA AND MIZOGUCHI, SINCE MITI HAS THE FINAL WORD ON MFA RENEWAL ANYWAY. EMBASSY HAS GIVEN NO HINT AS TO WHETHER FORNMIN DECISION IS

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AGREEABLE.

SHOESMITH. END TEXT.

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